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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Martin DERLETH et al.

Title: COMPONENT, ESPECIALLY A HYBRID CARRIER FOR A  
VEHICLE, AND METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SAID TYPE  
OF COMPONENT, AND USE OF SAID TYPE OF COMPONENT

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56.

A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be

appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

### **TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

### **RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

Listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are cited reference and PTO Actions from commonly owned U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 10/574,771, 10/574,794, 10/574,772 and 10/574,709. The relevance of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 can be found in the respective PTO Actions of the co-pending cases. Copies of the PTO Actions in the co-pending cases are being submitted herewith. Applicants note that any document listed on any of the Forms PTO-892 of the co-pending PTO Actions that are already of record in this application are not listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08.


Unless otherwise indicated, no English translation is readily available (not considering machine-generated translations that may be freely available online, to both the Applicant and the PTO) for each of the non-English language documents. However, a commercially available English language abstract is provided herewith, where indicated on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. Inasmuch as Applicants have endeavored to provide at least one item that complies with the requirement for a "concise explanation of relevance" for each of the non-English language documents, each of these documents has been submitted in compliance with the PTO requirements and should be considered by the Examiner (37 CFR §1.97, §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Applicants respectfully request that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Although Applicant believes that no fee is required for this Request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Request to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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